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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: MARCH 31 DATE

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NUMBER ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN

1. ON CONVERSATION BEFORE PLENARY MEETING THIS AFTERNOON MARCH 11, TIMERBAYEV RAISED WITH AMBASSADOR AND BUCHHEIM QUESTION OF MARCH 31 DATE FOR TTBT. HE NOTED THIS WAS COMING CLOSE RAPIDLY AND THOUGHT TWO SIDES SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT TO DO. ASSUMING (AND HE STRESSED WORD "ASSUMING") THAT BOTH SIDES AGREED TO OBSERVE TTBT, HE WONDERED HOW SUCH AN AGREEMENT SHOULD BE FORMALIZED, WHAT PROCEDURE SHOULD BE USED, AT WHAT LEVEL SHOULD IT BE SIGNED, ETC.? TIMERBAYEV NOTED THAT TTBT ITSELF HAD BEEN SIGNED AT HIGHEST LEVEL.

2. STOESSEL REMARKED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO CONCLUDE PNE AGREEMENT BEFORE MARCH 31. HE THOUGHT THIS COULD AFFECT HANDLING OF SITUATION. TIMERBAYEV AGREED. NOTING THAT SEVERAL WEEKS REMAINED BEFORE MARCH 31 HE SAID IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHIN THIS TIME TO ISOLATE THE FEW RAIMINING ISSUES FOR DECISION AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

3. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THIS WHOLE QUESTION IN RESTRICTED

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SESSION IN NEAR FUTURE AND TIMERBAYEV AGREED.

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